

REMARKS

Claims 2 - 6 remain in this application. Claims 1, 2, and 6 are rejected. Claims 3, and 4 and 5 (the latter two as made dependent from 3) are objected to. Claim 1 is cancelled herein. Claims 2 - 6 are amended herein. Claim 3 is amended to place it in independent form, including all of the limitations of now-cancelled claim 1. Claims 2, 4, 5, and 6 are amended to make them dependent from claim 3. The specific objections to claim 4 and 5 are overcome by the foregoing changes in dependencies. The specific objection to claim 2 is overcome by amendment thereto using the language suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action.

In the Office Action, previous claims 1, 2, and 6 of the present application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious and unpatentable over U.S. Patent 3,969,902 to Ichise ("Ichise '902"), in view of U.S. Patent 3,802,203 to Ichise ("Ichise '203") and in view of U.S. Patent 5,304,016 to Kunito ("Kunito").

The rejection of previous claim 1 is rendered moot by the cancellation herein of that claim. The rejection of previous claims 2 and 6 is rendered moot by the amendments herein to those claims, making them depend from herein amended claim 3, which has been indicated by the Examiner to be allowable if presented in independent form as has been done herein. Applicant, moreover, respectfully submits that the prior basis for rejection of previous claims 2 and 6 as obvious over Ichise '902 in view of Ichise '203 and in view of Kunito, is inapplicable to herein

amended claims 2 and 6, because none of those references, either taken individually, or in any combination teach, disclose, or suggest an apparatus having the elements and features as those of either or both of amended claims 2 and 6, incorporating all of the limitations of herein amended claim 3 (i.e., previous claim 1 and previous claim 3); that there is nothing in any of those references that would have taught, disclosed, or suggested to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the present invention was made to combine any of those specific references; and, furthermore, even if such a combination were suggested and not made out of hindsight, as it is respectfully suggested has been done by the Examiner here, any such combinations would, nevertheless, still lead to a different apparatus than that as taught according to the present application, and as recited according to any of the amended claims presented herein. Therefore, both claims 2 and 6, as now amended, and made dependent from amended claim 3, should also now be found to be allowable. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of previous claims 2, and 6 should be withdrawn, and that such rejection should not be applied to any of the claims pending in the application after entry of this Amendment.

No additional claims fees are required with the filing of this Amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. Please charge the fee of \$55.00 for the extension

of time to Deposit Account No. 10-1250. Applicant continues to have small entity status.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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enc: Replacement and Annotated drawing sheets of Figs. 7 and 8.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please find accompanying this response replacement sheets for Figs. 7 and

8. The drawing amendments effect the following changes:

The legend --PRIOR ART-- has been inserted on each of the above drawing figures, as requested by the Examiner, since they illustrate what was previously known in the art.